

*A Year
To Build*

A Fundamental Truth

Psalm 127:1

**Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that
build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman
waketh but in vain.**

Philippians 1:21

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

It Is Christ That Builds This House Of Faith

Hebrews 3:1-7

1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

2 Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.

3 For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.

4 For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.

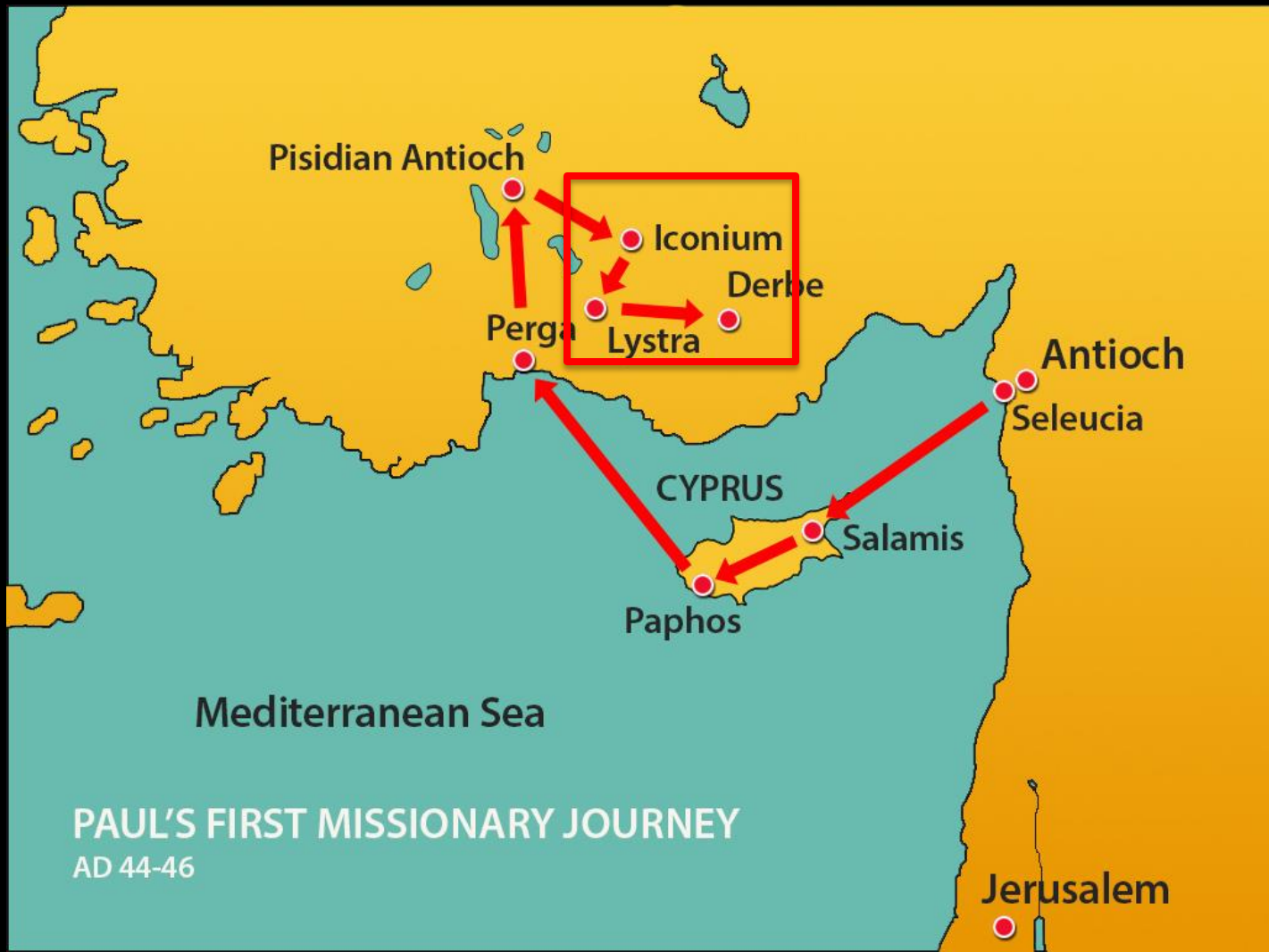
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Hebrews 3:1-7 - continued

5 And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;

6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,



Acts 14:19-23

19 And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

Acts 14:19-23

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

How Shall We Build?

I. Let Us Build Through Evangelism (14:19-21)

A. Paul stoned and believed dead

- 1. The disciples gather around the body**
- 2. He rises and surprises them**
- 3. Let the world know that we are alive**

B. Paul heads for Derbe to reach souls

- 1. This was the purpose of his life**

1 Corinthians 9:16

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

- 2. This is what made him a successful missionary**
- 3. This is why he founded so many churches**

I. Let Us Build Through Evangelism (14:19-21)

C. Evangelism is vital to our existence as a church

1. Let us bring in people to hear the Gospel

2. Let us be living messengers of the Gospel

3. Let us always preach the Gospel

Mark 16:15

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

II. Let Us Build Through Exhortation (14:21-22)

A. To exhort is to encourage

B. Paul taught those who received the Gospel

1 Thessalonians 5:14

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

II. Let Us Build Through Exhortation (14:21-22)

C. He encouraged all believers

Colossians 1:9-12

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

II. Let Us Build Through Exhortation (14:21-22)

C. He encouraged all believers

- 1. Let's encourage those who are discouraged**
- 2. Let's encourage those who feel like giving up**
- 3. Let's encourage our own families**
- 4. Let's encourage those in leadership**
- 5. Let's encourage all in the family of faith**

D. Be encouraged and be an encourager

III. Let Us Build Through Edification (14:23)

A. To edify is to build up

Romans 14:19

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

B. Some specialize in tearing down

C. Paul building up believers

Conclusion

Haggai 1:7-8

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

Let's Get Busy